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Christianity Under Communist Rule

The disheartrening news from the Korean battle front causes one to consider what would be the effect on the church, generally, if Communism should overrun the more Christian nations of the world. The following, excerpt from a letter written by Mrs. Lois Rees, who with other missionaries, went into Burma, as the Communists took over their mission field on the Chinese,--Burmese, -Tibetan border, should give us some idea:

"We who got a peek in through the back door, so to speak, see Communism as it really is not as it is painted and no good can be said of it! They said at first that Christians would not be molested and could worship freely, but that was only an introductory lie to worm their way in, as now they are planning to take away the Bible and Hymnals and supplant them with Communist doctrine books which encourage immorality on a large scale. According to Communist doctrine no one is to say, 'This is my wife, these are my children, or this is my home,' —in fact, when they get things their way, no one will know.

"If it were truly an equal sharing of all things, it might go hand in hand with God's Word and people, but as it is managed, the officials get all and the people get nothing but heart-aches, sorrow, hunger, and disillusionment. They have to have Stalin's picture up in church during worship and now the Communist leaders always come and talk. We are telling the Christians to abandon the church house and go 'underground' so to speak and worship in homes, rotating from place to place to keep their worship services out of the Communist hands.

"You don't really appreciate America—you can't till you have seen other governments, other people, and real oppression."—J.F.C.

Myrtle Men Meet

The regular Myrtle district rally was held at Coquille on November 20. Reports on the Roseburg convention were made by several men. J. T. Royer, president, conducted the business meeting during which Ralph Newton was elected to fill the office of secretary. I. M. Nelson, host pastor, had charge of the remaining service. —E.P.D.

Carlton Entertains

The Yamhill district Ninety and Nine rally was held at Carlton on November 20 with 70 men present. Wm. Siefke brought a challenge on evangelism following the song service led by Arthur Parrish and the business meeting conducted by Arnold Ledbetter. Food, fellowship, and inspiration were tops.—E.P.D.

WOODBURN

Bible School attendance on the increase, with house filled for morning services. We need a few more pews. Does anyone know where they could be obtained? There were two additions yesterday, one by baptism. Four baptised last Lord's Day. Five baptismal services since October 1st. Membership gain 2½ years, 150%. D. D. Priest Pastor, and Don Jones from N. C. C. Associate. —Mrs. Edna Jennings, Bible School Supt.

Ruth Kinney On Field

Miss Ruth Kinney, class of '49, Northwest Christian College, has arrived in Jubblepore, Central Province, India, to begin her first term of missionary service in her chosen field. According to a recent letter, the trip across on a clipper ship was very rough in spots. On the whole, she had an enjoyable and profitable journey across from New York to Portugal, and down through the Suez canal, stopping at several places of interest along the way. One statement was of particular interest: "We passed Jeddo which is the port for Mecca Pilgrimages. No Christian is allowed to go to Mecca or even to fly over it." —E.L.B.

SPRINGFIELD

The work in Springfield is moving along nicely. In October there were 11 additions by transfer and one confession of faith and in the first two Sundays in November there were five more by transfer. —E. R. Moon, minister.

Staff Addition

Mr. and Mrs. Waldo L. Roppel of Indianapolis, have joined the staff of the Yakima Indian Christian Mission at White Swan, Washington. Mr. Roppel will assist Mr. Norment the director, in developing the church and Bible school program for the Mission, and will do home visitation among the Indians on the reservation. He will also have supervision of the buildings and grounds and whatever farm program is carried on. Mrs. Roppel will serve as matron of the girl's dormitory and do some office work.

In education, experience and consecration, these two members will add much to the work of the Mission. Mr. Ropppel, a Missourian by birth, has lived most of his life in Canada. He has a teacher's certificate from Calgary Normal school and has studied at the Olds Agricultrue School in Alberta. He is a graduate of Johnson Bible college and Butler School of Religion. Mrs. Roppel is a graduate of Illinois University. During the war she was assistant pastor at Rantoul, Illinois. Since 1947, while attending Butler School of Religion, she was secretary of the Board Ripple Christian Church in Indianapolis. —E.L.B.

MISS SWEN RETURNS

Miss Edna Swen, for the past two years a student in America, has returned to China. The Mission administrative committee is asking her to take charge of general educational work in the Nanking office, and to assist in Chung Hwa Girl's School for this term. Miss Swen is a very good friend of Mrs. Edna Gish. —E.L.B.

What Is A Boy Worth?

What Boy?

Any boy! The boy you call "Son," the boy next door or in the next block.

The church believes that every boy is worth a lot. It believes that one of its principle works is helping boys and girls develope into men and women of Christian character and resolution.

Because the church deals in human lives, it must have a philosophy marked by realism. It recognizes that any boy may become either a dependable citizen or a society scorned criminal, a perverted maniac or a respected neighbor, a shunned social parasite or a useful individual. Religion and education helps make the difference. The educational program of our brotherhood seeks to meet the need of growing persons. Parents are helped to understand their responsibility and given assistance in the development of a Christian atmosphere within the home. The Sunday school provides classes for all from babyhood to adulthood. Vacation schools, youth camps, and conferences, fellowship groups, study and activity groups are planned to provide a constant source of friendship and guidance for growing individuals. Through Bible study boys and girls learn the great principles of the Christian faith and are inspired by the stories of the lives of great Christian leaders.

Christian colleges, wherein the finest academic work is built about the philosophy that life is essentially spiritual and Christianity is presented as the way of life, offers a challenge to youth to fully realize the best in mind, body, and soul.

What is a boy worth?

There are sinister forces in the world which bid high — the church must bid higher! A boy cannot be bought—and should not be sold—for a dime or a quarter.

The Thanksgiving offering received on our Sunday schols and churches helps support the total program of our brotherhood. Causes receiving special emphasis are State Missions, Social Education, Religious Education, Higher Education, and Christian church colleges.

Ordinations Held

Ronald Whited and Raymond Renzema were ordained to the ministry Saturday night, November 25, at Ashland, their home church. The ordination sermon was brought by the pastor of the church, Earl F. Dowing. Those participating in the service were the elders, E. H. McGee, minister of the Phoenix, Oregon Church, Don Byers, minister of Central Church, Medford, Oregon, and Robert Pruitt, minister at Cascade Gorge.

Ronald Whited since finishing ministerial training at Northwest Christian College, Eugene, Oregon has ministered to the Greenwood church, Seattle, for the past three years. Student ministries were at Phoenix and Elkton, Oregon.

Raymond Renzema has been the minister of the Westside church, Eugene, for the past three years. He graduated from Northwest Christian College last June.

Previous to the ordination they held a weeks evangelistic rally in the Ashland church. There was one addition by baptism.

MULTNOMAH

Leland Earls has been quite sick for the past six weeks and has not been able to go about his duties. Taking his place in the pulpit has been Meyer Tan-Ditter. Mr. Tan-Ditter will now go to Los Angeles for a bit of work there, but may still be reached at his Federal Station address here in Portland.

HERALDS OF CHRIST

Dallas and Leeanna Meserve concluded an evangelistic meeting with the Wallowa Christian Church, O. W. Jones minister, on December 3. No meeting was scheduled during the pre-Christmas season and Dallas arranged to work with the Milwaukie church in special calling during that time. The team will go to Newport in January to complete the final meeting of their current schedule under the sponsorship of the Ninety and Nine Men's brotherhood.

A special word of commendation for the work done by this consecrated couple comes from the Ninety and Nine officers and it is with regret that this phase of evangelistic work will be discontinued. A definite need for a program in which the men themselves must carry the torch of evangelism thru personal work and home visitation was the primary reason for the revision of the plans for the state work. Close behind was the need for a better plan of finance to underwrite the state projects of the brotherhood. During most of the past year the Meserves have had to wait for their salary but have gone ahead unstintingly in their service in the evangelistic field and in the camp work. It is their plan to take up pastoral work following the Newport meeting. Churches desiring to contact them may do so by writing to their Portland address, 3354 S. E. Stark St., Zone 15.

—E.P.D.

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State Secretary-Director's Diary

During the month, two Sundays were spent at Junction City assisting them in visitation. One Sunday was spent in Central Oregon preaching at Bend and meeting with the church board and youth group, also visited with the ministers at Redmond and Madras. I brought a message to the Women's Fellowship of the Kern Park Church nd spoke to the Church night dinner at Salem First Church. Attended one session of the Lane County Convention at Springfield, taught five nights in the Portland Church Life Institute. Spent eight days in the office with two conferences and attended twelve committee meetings of various kinds. We spent Thanksgiving in Spokane and traveled 1,809 miles during the month. 411 pieces of mail were sent out of the office. —C.H.A.

Getting Married and Calling Preachers

There is quite a similarity between a church calling a minister and a person getting married. There are some people who just want to get married and never stop to consider all that should be taken into consideration. They just hope things will work out all right, but very often this leads to tragedy and sorrow. Churches often use similar methods. They never stop to consider whether the minister will adapt himself to their thinking and soon havoc is evident in the church and the church weeps on some one's shoulder much like married people who find out they have made a grave mistake. There is another similarity and this is, the young man who makes many promises until after he has won his lady and then forgets, or double-crosses her. This also happens in church life. Sometimes it is the minister who promises the church he will go along with their program and then straightway forgets what he has promised and double-crosses the church and brings grief, sometimes it is the church that makes many promises and then forgets and begins to play the old game of freeze out. This thing of calling a pastor is serious business, for the work of Christ may be hindered in a given community for years just because of these blunders. The tragedy of a broken home and the tragedy of an unhappy and broken church is just as bad. Both can be avoided for the most part if thought and understanding are given at the right time. —C.H.A.

Giving to State Missions

Corvallis	19.51
La Grande	50.00
Roseburg	25.00
Milton	17.63
Silverton	50.00
Tillamook	21.20
Tillamook	4.00
Kern Park	14.58
The Dalles	10.25
Klamath Falls	115.00
Central, Portland	100.00
Junction City	23.94
Portland, First	100.00
Sweet Homes	4.00
Ontario	20.00
Coquille	30.16
Mallory, Portland	277.48

Budging the Budget

Last month mention was made of the cost per day to operate the State Missions program this year. It may be some people and some congregations do not care so much about the cost per day, but are interested in projects. It may be there are congregations, or individuals who might like to take over all, or some part of a project. Since many are interested in evangelism there is the project at the new Southeast Church in Portland. This is a $1,800.00 project and you can take all or part of it. Then there is the $600.00 project at Burns, the $300.00 at Seaside and the $120.00 at Culver. We will be assisting in some of the special projects carried on by the N.C.C. The total amount in this will be about $200.00. There are other types of projects which can be mentioned if you are interested. The important thing is, that every church should have some part in State Missions and be happy in it.—C.H.A.

N.C.C. Notes

The enrollment this year is the greatest of any term in the history of the College. There are 198 men and 139 women enrolled, a total enrollment of 337. This compares with 171 men and 157 women for the fall term one year ago. The College continues to receive more students each year from the Churches of the Northwest. Not only is there a large number attending Northwest Christian College, but the quality is tops. The brightest, most talented, and those with the best leadership ability are coming to your College .This fine enrollment of consecrated young people is encouraging to every one of us because we see here hope for the future of the world. Nearly all of these young people are preparing for the ministry, mission field or some other field of full time Christian service.

We must not let these young people down. The help of our Christian friends here in the Northwest is needed if Northwest Christian College is to be able to continue to give proper training to these young people which you have sent to us from your Churches. Increased enrollment plus rising costs make the financial needs of the College greater than ever before.

What the student pays in tuition represents less than one-half of the operating cost of Northwest Christian College. The College must look to you and other Christians for the balance.

A contribution sent through your church or sent direct to the College is vital to the on-going of this important program of training our youth for Christian Service.

China Situation

Of concern to the entire Christian Church in China is the publicity being given to a document which calls on all Christians in New China to give full support to the present governmental efforts, and not only to become a fully self-supporting and self-propogating church, but also ". . .. enable the masses of Christians to recognize clearly the crimes committed by the imperialists in China, and to know the facts of the way in which imperialists have made use of the church in China. . . In their general work they must promote education against imperialism, feudalism, and bureaucratic capitalism; help in labor and production; study and understand the present situation; and carry on cultural activities, elementary teaching, health work and child welfare in the service of the people."

Miss Pauline Starn, missionary working in Nanking, had this comment to make concerning the above mentioned document: "We have given only a brief excerpt from the much longer document. Certain parts make bitter reading for those who have given their lives and their means for propogation of the Gospel in China. If we can remember to 'accentuate the positive' we know that the church will continue to be a source of blessing and service to this country."

One of the older pastors in China said recently, "Anybody that wants to be baptized these days, must be sincere and brave, or he would not even think of baptism. Mr. Goulter says he would add, 'Any young man that will face the opposition and criticism that are inevitable these days, must have great courage and determination, or he will not dare to do it. "The government promises religious liberty but there are many influential people who have quite a different idea.

NORTH BEND

Sunday, November 5, was the observance of Ninety and Nine Men's Day at the Christian Church at North Bend. There was 118 present for Bible school. After Bible school the Ninety and Nine Men took charge of the meeting which was opened by Brother Farr. Lyle Newton and Leonard Farr rendered a duet.

Brother Jack Friplet, one of the men of the church, preached on the subject of service, a sermon long to be remembered by all.

At the night meeting one of our young men gave an instrumental solo. Also, he gave a very fine report on the Ninety and Nine meeting at Roseburg. Roy Currier then gave a sermon on the subject of the joy of service, making it plain that it is a big job to serve the Lord.

The North Bend church is greatly blessed by having these men in their church. —Russell Davis, Coos Bay

Calls Extended

Pleasant Hill: Clyde Blakley as student minister.

Amity: Bob Powell has been called.

Chinese Missionaries

Missionaries serving under the United Christian Missionary Society who are home from China, held a conference in Indianapolis, Septemper 8-10. Those present were Dr. M. Searl Bates, Mr. and Mrs. George Cherryhomes, Mrs. Edna Gish, Walter Haskell, Joseph M. Smith and Miss Margaret Lawrence. None of them can return to China for at least two years. Conditions at the end of that period, will determine whether or not they can reenter then. In the meantime, funds are getting through and the work is going on. No sending of packages is permitted by the new government.

Twelve Missionaries under the auspices of the United Society remain in China. They are: Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Goulter at Chusien; Misses Verla Elliott and Wenona Wilkenson at Hofei; Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Reynolds at Wuhu; Misses Pauline Starn and Lyrel Teagarden at Nantung; Mr. and Mrs. James McCallum and Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Smythe at Nanking.

Golden Wedding Reception

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Alfred Elkins, 425 Manbrin drive, observed their golden wedding anniversary on Sunday at a reception at the home of their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Darold Elkins, in Manbrin Gardens.

Mr. and Mrs. Elkins were married in Roseburg at the home of her parents, the late Rev. and Mrs. W. A. Wood, on November 27, 1900. Mrs. Elkins was born in Mt. Carmell, Illinois, and came with her parents to Oregon in 1892. Mr. Elkins was born near Monmouth of pioneer parents. His paternal grandfather, James Elkins, came from Virginia and drove a yoke of oxen to Oregon in 1845.

Mr. and Mrs. Elkins have retired after 50 years of active service in the ministry of the Christian church. They have four children, Mrs. W. E. Troy, jr. of Lahaina, Maui, T. H., Mrs. Larson Wright of Springfield, Oregon, Mrs. James N. Carroll of Bend, and Darold D. Elkins of Salem. There are twelve grandchildren.

Mr. Elkins served as a volunteer in the second Oregon U. S. Infantry in the Spanish American war and Philippine Insurrection, also two years as a chaplain in the U. S. Army, World War I.

GLADSTONE

At the Gladstone Church of Christ on Sunday, November 28 a service of ordination was held for Mr. Donald Methrsn to the deaconship of the church. There were four additions by transfer and one by baptism. —Wilbur R. Hensley, minister

SCHUTZE

The mother of Miss Katherine Schutze passed away at her home in Marfa, Texas after a short illness. Miss Schutze is well known in the northwest because of her service as director at White Swan Christian Indian Mission in 1947-48. She is now National director of Business and Professional Women's Guilds in the department of missionary organizations, United Christian Missionary Society, Indianapolis, Indiana. —E.L.B.

CRUSADE NEWS

CRUSADE PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

Excerpts from G. Gerald Sias' Convention Address

G. Gerald Sias, General Director of A Crusade for A Christian World, in his address at the International Convention of the Disciples of Christ at Oklahoma City, pointing out the resources to complete the task of raising $7,000,000 more to bring decisive victory on the goal of 14,000,000, said in part:

"The decision to extend the time for the completion of the Crusade carries the mandate that we continue to press on in our program activities. Those charged with responsibility must not relax their efforts. Every church should make a concerted effort to achieve their goals.

"There is reason to be glad for the things already accomplished in the Crusade. Prayers of thanksgiving arise from grateful people around the world for the help that has been received. In a Crusade meeting in this city some months ago a missionary from Africa told of a prayer one of the native Christians made to this effect, 'O God, make the trunk of the tree in America strong so we, the branches, may bear much fruit for the Kingdom.' It is no idle matter that prayers of anxiety and expectation are raised on our behalf across the world. The task immediately before us is to help God answer the prayers of expectant people at home and abroad, through the successful completion of the Crusade.

"Those who chart the course of airplanes in the business transportation make the pilots of difficult routes conscious of one fact. Somewhere, just about halfway or a little beyond it in a flight, is the 'point of no return.' To turn back from that point with inadequate fuel would mean disaster. We have reached the 'point of no return' in the Crusade. The course is straight ahead. We must stay on the beam. We must finish the course!

"The income of our people from now to February 25, the close of the promotional effort of the Crusade, based on the national per capital income of last year, will be $1,050,000,000. This does not take into account the capital assets and other forms of securities held by our people. The answer is 'yes, we do have the resources.'

"How can we lay hold upon the resources needed to complete the financial goal of the Crusade? As of June 30, 1950, 1,671 churches which had accepted crusade goals had unpaid balances of $3,781,000. This constitutes a major resource for victory. After careful study these churches are now being approached in an earnest effort to help them plan for the completion of their goals.

"The second source is from the churches that have not accepted definite financial goals but have given to the Crusade. There are 1,805 of these. Some churches in this group have already paid or exceeded their suggested goals. Plans are in operation to visit these churches to lead them to make an all-out effort to give them adequate assistance as they press toward the completion of the

G. Gerald Sias

Crusade.

"The Week of Compassion is to be the time for a climactic effort for the Crusade. All offerings will count on local church goals. No church confronted with a major task should postpone its effort until this time. New emergencies have been added to the old. Human suffering still exists. The major emphasis will be upon a spiritual ministry to those who are in need. Every church in our brotherhood should join in this final effort. The Week of Compassion offering must be the biggest in our history. The Crusade must be finished in a burst of righteous enthusiasm and sacrificial giving.

"From the beginning of the Crusade it was recognized that a considerable portion of the Crusade goal would need to be raised through special gifts from individuals. It was thought, then, that $3,000,000 would be needed from this source. We know now that this is a minimum requirement. People with substantial means as Christian Crusaders should and will want to give according to their means. Others are making terrific sacrifices. The more fortunate should join these in making sacrificial gifts. Many with limited means have given through the local church to such an extent it has made a difference in what they put on their tables and on their backs.

"The effort falls into three natural classifications:

1. Those of extraordinary financial ability. A committee composed of the heads of the national agencies and other selected persons is now active in this type of solicitation. Gift in this classification already received range from $10,000 to $100,000.
2. Those of unusual financial ability. Our director of special gifts and our college presidents are active in this solicitation. Special gifts in this classification run from $3,000 to $10,000.
3. Those of more than average ability. We are launching now a special effort to underwrite 2,000 units on the basis of "One Hour" ($600). Those who are approached will have the privilege of carrying the cost of the Crusade around the world for a whole hour. It is reasonable to expect this legion of 2,000 to rise up in this dark hour and claim for themselves the sacred privilege of One-Shining Hour of sacrificial service to mankind through the Crusade. This will not happen, however, unless they are confronted personally with the work of the Crusade and their part in bringing victory. Many sitting here this day will be drafted for this task."

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You may get college credits for a tour of Great Britain and Western Europe, in the Summer of 1951. You may also take the tour without qualifying for college credits.

"Church Cooperation in Europe and America," a six semester-hour credit course, will be offered on tour by Texas Christian University, with Dr. A. T. DeGroot, Dean of the Graduate School, as tour conductor and professor in charge. Graduate credit in History toward M.A. degree (or as an elective toward other Master's degrees), in Church History toward the B.D. degree, and in History for a few qualified upper-division undergraduates (if they have had History and Religion courses) may be obtained.

Details as to cost and exact schedule of places to be visited will be released within a month, but meanwhile it may be said that July 14 to August 27 are the dates (New York to New York); the world's two largest ships, the Queen Mary and the Queen Elizabeth, will carry the party; cities visited will include London, Amsterdam, Frankfurt, Geneva, Florence, Rome, and Paris, plus other noted areas; and, that about nine hundred dollars will pay for the all-expense tour. Down payment of one hundred and fifty dollars by January 15 will reserve a place in the party.

Lectures will be given each day aboard ship by Dr. DeGroot, and in each city noted leaders of church cooperation will address the group, following carefully prepared topics of inquiry. The tour conductor made arrangements with several of the lecturers while he was in Cambridge and Paris during the Summer of 1950.

Full details are now available. For information, write to:

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THE MINISTER MEDITATES

I wish Christian People were as interested in their spiritual lives as they are in keeping up their yard; "Sunday is the only day I have to keep up these things," they say. I wish people were as interested in traveling "The Glory Road" as they are in traveling the highways of our great state on the Lord's Day; "It is my only chance to get out," they say. I wish people were as interested in "laying up treasures in Heaven" on the day of worship as they are in laying them up in the First National Bank; "It is necessary to supplement my income," they say. I wish people were as interested in building spirituality and Christian character on the day the Communion Table is spread, as they are in building on, or re-building the house or doing the papering or painting; "I must protect my investment," they say. I wish people were as interested in searching for the "Treasures of the Love and Wisdom of God" on the day their Brethren are singing "psalms and hymns and spiritual songs," as they are in hunting deer, elk, pheasant and other game; "It is the only time I can get anyone to go with me," they say.

I believe that we Christian people are the real tragedy of our day, because we take our wonderful Faith so lightly. Everyone and everything else gets in the way. But one person says, "I do not have to attend Church and be a Church member do I?" "I can be a Christian without the Church, can't I?" You can in the same sense in which your child can get an education without going to the public school. You can be a Christian without the Church in the same sense that a boy can become a fine athlete without ever being a member of a football or basketball team. Such independence only brings about difficulty and futility. Theoretically you can get along without the Church and attending Worship Services but practically you cannot!

Christ did not die for a Church that He wanted ignored! We think more of our gardens, lawns, trips, outings, work and independence than we do of our own Souls! How foolish! Paul said, "How shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation?" He did not say if we do not believe or if we do not think it is good. He said, "If we **NEGLECT**"! Most people use their time about like this: 8 hrs. work, 8 hrs. sleep, 2 hrs. to and from work, 2 hrs. eating — there are 20 hrs. Only 4 left for all we do. God is being crowded out of our lives—slowly but surely—LOOK OUT! Most people give God no time during the week. If the Lord's Day and Worship Services are neglected—SPIRITUAL THINGS ARE JUST ON THE OUTSIDE OF YOUR HEART LOOKING IN YEARNINGLY FOR A SPOT! "How shall we escape, if we neglect —" Someday we will want spiritual power to face some great problem, sorrow, tragedy or even the judgment. If we neglect, we will be told — N. S. F. —not sufficient funds. Let us be concerned with spiritual treasures. —C. Alton Brostrom.

Crusade For A Christian World

Kenneth Johnston

The State Chairman Speaks

Thank You

This column, for the January issue, is being written just three days prior to Thanksgiving. I want to say thank you to every church, pastor, and member in our state who has contributed to the success of the Crusade. The prayers, efforts, and money invested in the Crusade by our Oregon churches have not been in vain. You have helped to alleviate suffering and starvation. The ranks of paganism have been reduced through Crusade evangelism. The churches are greater in number, mission stations are stronger, Bible colleges are prospering—because you and others are Crusading.

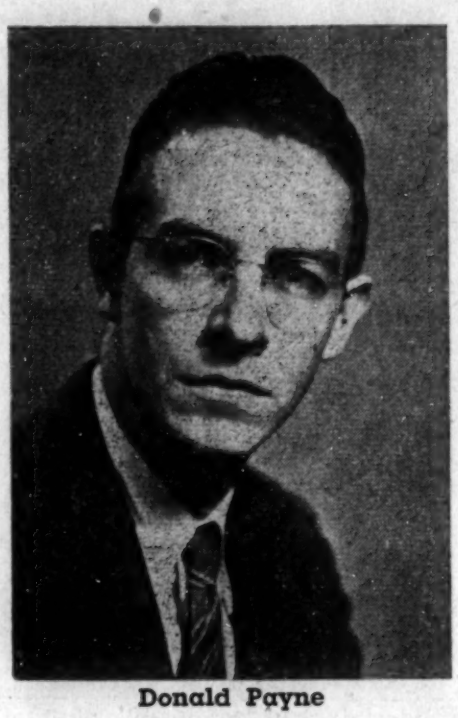
Still Crusading

It is encouraging to note the number of congregations that are still working to complete their financial goals. This shows the real Crusade spirit. We predict that many congregations will have their names on the victory list by the end of February. Your Crusade victory means success and progress to our mission, benevolent, educational, and evangelistic work.

The Attitude

Our attitude toward the Crusade is the greatest determining factor in reaching our goals. A total congregation may fall short of its financial goal, though that goal may not be any greater than the price one family will pay for an automobile or home! Why does the one seem so big and hard to reach—while the other is accepted as a matter of course? The answer is in our attitude toward relative values. Why is it we think a Crusade goal so difficult—when we can build ourselves new edifices and install elaborate (though necessary) equipment? Again, is it not our attitude that causes us to turn the one down and accept the other? Perhaps more education and prayerful concern on the part of every church member of those causes represented in the Crusade would help us to realize that our goals are much smaller than we first thought.

CORVALLIS AND THE CRUSADE



Donald Payne

The Christian Church of Corvallis is one of those churches, which, along with other churches in the State of Oregon, has been engaged in "The Crusade For A Christian World."

A crusade which does not, in some way, tax the resources and abilities of those who participate in it, is unworthy of being called a "crusade." The word, "crusade," comes, partially, from a root word which means "to mark with the cross." A real crusade is not an easy task.

We of the Corvallis Christian Church have not found "The Crusade For A Christian World" to be an easy venture. For us, it has been marked by some of the denial and cross-bearing which crusading demands.

At the beginning of the Crusade, the Corvallis Church accepted certain goals in the total program of our churches. Many of us have felt that these goals, (or some of them, at least), were a little beyond a church of 260 members. But we know that this is not the proper way of looking at the question. It is not so much what **we think** we ought to be able to do. **It is what needs to be done** that is the important consideration. It is in this spirit that we have undertaken our goals and worked with other churches and with other Christian men and women toward the completion of the Crusade.

The Corvallis Church accepted a financial goal of $10,490.00. To date, $7,205.14 has been received toward our goal. We look forward to the completion of our goal with the Week of Compassion in 1951.

We set out to increase our Bible School Enrollment by 96. This has long since been surpassed, and our attendance is running 50% over that of last year.

We have met our goal of giving training to 21 leaders in our church, and we shall continue our efforts in the field of leadership training.

The Corvallis Church has come well over halfway toward its total goal of 162 baptisms and transfers of membership.

Our weakest point has been in the field of tithing and proportionate giving. The total goal there is 118 stewards in these two categories. This year we have 35 in these two groups, with the possibility of others of whom we have no record.

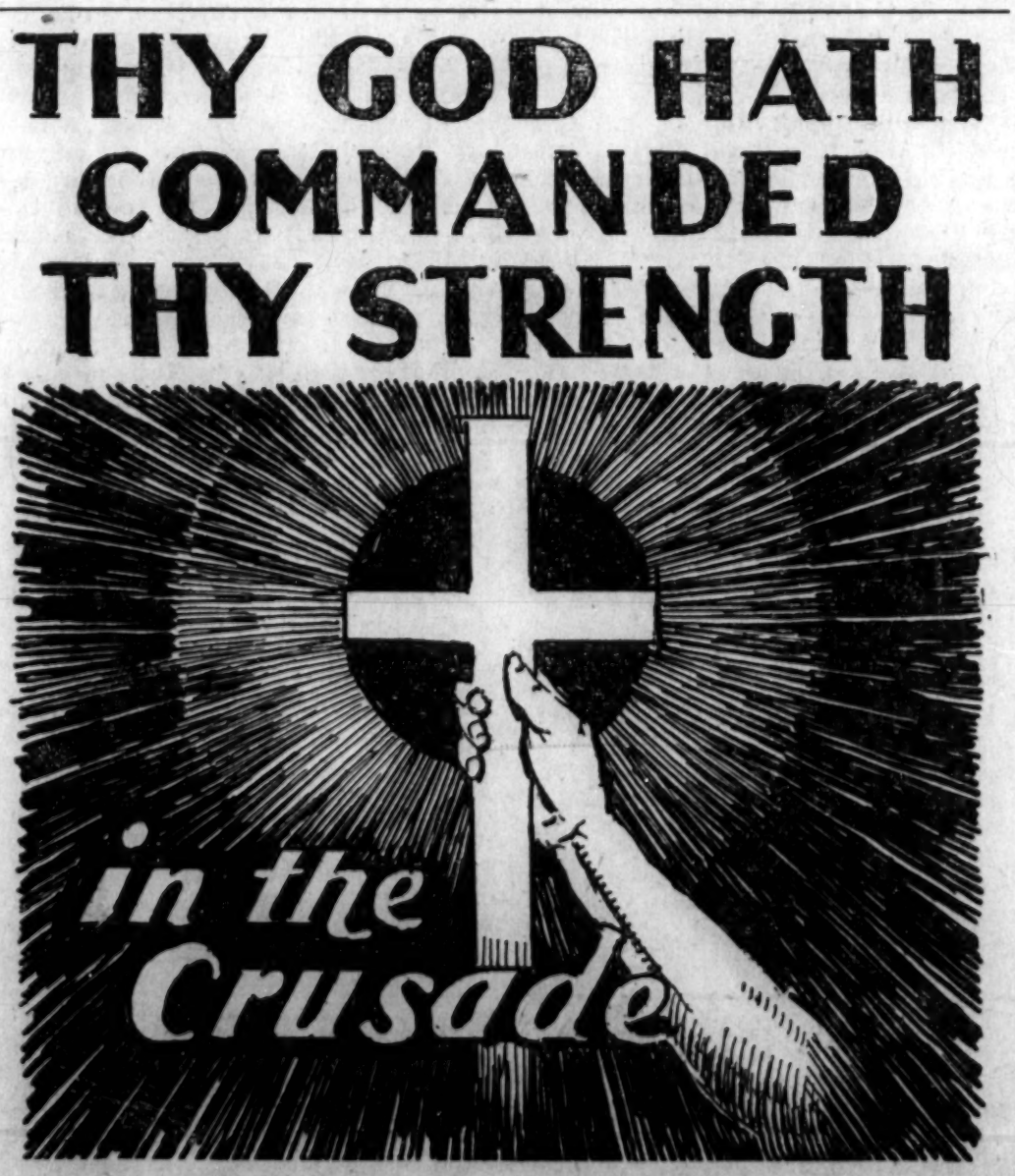
The Corvallis Church has not completed its share of the Crusade, as the statistics plainly show. However, the figures do not tell the complete story. These figures do not show that Crusade giving is in addition to a regular church program which has included, in the past two years, the redecoration of our sanctuary and the installation of a new pipe organ. They do not indicate the increased church attendance and the increased interest in all phases of the church's program. They do not indicate the increasing number of homes reached by Christian teaching. Yet, all of these are a part of the Crusade For a Christian World—the effort to win the world for Christ.

Christian House, a Crusade project near the Oregon State College campus, has been an inspiration to the Corvallis Church in its Crusade giving. The Week of Compassion has stirred our members to generosity on behalf of of others more needy than ourselves. The challenge of the world-wide impact of the church has made it plain, as far as we are able to ascertain, that the projected program of our church will not lack for funds during the coming year. For the Crusade, $1,000.00 has been pledged.

No, Corvallis has not completed the Crusade. Humbly, we face our shortcomings. But, we shall fight on with strength.

A crusade is "a remedial enterprise undertaken with zeal and enthusiasm." There are conditions in the world which demand remedial action. Christ is the answer. Therefore, the Church in Corvallis has set its face with zeal and enthusiasm to complete its share in the Crusade For A Christian World. And when the goals are reached, other goals will beckon.

Donald Payne, Minister



Tobias and Holt Named Special Representatives

Oklahoma City, Okla.— Robert Tobias of the Geneva, Switzerland, offices of the World Council of Churches and Basil Holt of South Africa have been named as special representatives in their respective fields of the Association for the Promotion of Christian Unity.

Both of the appointees are members of the staff of The United Christian Missionary Society, Mr. Holt in South Africa and Mr. Tobias in Europe where he is assigned to the World Council's Department of Inter-Church Aid. The appointment, made with the approval of the United Society, calls for the special representatives keeping the Association informed as to developments in the field of unity and cooperation. It also provides the Association with representatives who can aid its program through special missions from time to time.

Mr. Holt has represented the Association in founding the Peter Ainslie Memorial Lecture in Rhodes University at Grahamstown, South Africa.

Mr. Tobias was also named by the International Convention of Disciples of Christ as its accredited representative to the secretariate of the World Council at Geneva.

One District — Two Rallies??

The Northwest district of the Ninety and Nine Men's Brotherhood likes to be a bit different and thus divided its forces on November 27 for two fine rallies at Canby (for the "Southerners") and at Vernonia (for the "Northerners"). Apparently the first battle for attendance honors ended in a "draw," each group having 99 men present not counting ladies who visited or participated in program events!

VERNONIA

Seven churches were represented in the Vernonia meeting with the local men taking honors having 31 men present. St. Johns mustered 30 men and Hillsboro was third with 12. The Vernonia ladies served a real Thanksgiving dinner to insure a return visit of the guests. Maurice Adamson led singing, accompanied by Mr. Sisler of Vernonia. Vocal and instrumental solos were provided by the Vernonia church and colored slides of the 1950 boys' and girls' camps were shown. Martin Lee, vice-president for the North section of the district, served as M.C. and conducted a brief business meeting during which Floyd Shaw, state vice-president for the Northern Area, presented the pledge plan for state work. Howard Cole of St. Johns brought a stirring message on "Acting Like Men."

CANBY

Most of the churches of the Southern section were represented at Canby and reported that the ladies there were excellent cooks too. Special music consisted of a solo by Gerald Sawyer and the debut of the Canby male quartet—members: John Stone, Charles MacKenzie, Burnell Vernon, and Ralph Hulbert. Gene Chamberlain of the Southeast Christian Church preached on the theme, "If Christ Be Lifted Up". Henry Moar, vice-president of the Southern section of the district, presided and Lloyd Read, district president, presented some of the state plans. Discussion on combating liquor advertising, on the proposed change in name to Christian Men's Brotherhood, and on the Portland civil rights measure ensued. On the state name a suggestion was made that the state officers submit a statewide ballot. The meeting went on record in favor of the civil rights stand. —E.P.D.

Douglas Men at Roseburg

The quarterly rally of the Douglas district Ninety and Nine men was held at Roseburg on November 27. with Brother Marshall of Oakland bring the message. Ralph Hardesty, state vice-president for the Southern Area brought a report from the state executive board meeting at Harrisburg and plans for the future district programs were made. The Roseburg local group held a short business meeting the same evening and C. L. Bibby, secretary, requested more of the state pledge cards after sharing his supply with other churches of the district. — E.P.D.

List of Missionaries Continues to Grow

The list of direct support missionaries continues to grow so rapidly that we find it out of the question to ever be able to say, "This is the complete list."

We note that Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Phillips and their three children, Patty, Woody and Stevie, are preparing to join the Donald Fream family as missionaries in Jamaica. Mr. and Mrs. Phillips have been serving a congregation in Turlock, California, during the last five years. We understand that Woodrow Phillips is the son of Brother and Sister Clifton Phillips, who formerly ministered in Oregon.

Then, we note also, that Mr. and Mrs. Kempton Oakes and their children, Robert and Kathie, are soon to begin raising their living-link and service support, in order to join the Brazil Christian Mission, where Mr. and Mrs. L. David Sanders, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Ewing and Miss Ruth M. Spurgeon (nurse) are already serving on the field. Brother Kempton will be closing his ministry at Bellville, Ohio, to travel among the churches. He will have with him pictures from the field, as well as tape recording from the Sanders and Ewing families. Churches wishing to have him may write him direct: Kempton Oakes, First Christian Church, Bellville, Ohio. —J.F.C.

Hillsboro Plans Visitation

The Hillsboro church, Newell Morgan minister, plans to start the new year right, with a visitation evangelism campaign to begin on January 2 and continue thru January 5. This will be the first campaign under the leadership of Ed Dewees in the new plans for the state Ninety and Nine work. He will be available to churches desiring to engage in visitation evangelism during most of the year with the exception of the summer months when camps will be in full swing.

Entertainment, and financing of the visitation campaigns may be obtained by writing to Mr. Dewees at Coburg (P.O. Box 231) after Christmas or to Mr. M. F. Kullowatz, 9053 S. W. 36th, Portland 19. Mr. Kullowatz is the state evangelistic chairman for the Ninety and Nine Men's Brotherhood and will be available to speak to local or district men's meetings concerning visitation work. —E.P.D.

Women's Day

According to reports that have come in, women of the Women's State Board and others have been busy making speeches and assisting in other ways with the annual observance of Women's Day in the churches. Mrs. E. R. Moon, retired missionary who served for many years in the Belgian Congo and Jamaica, spoke in the Springfield church on Jamaica; Mrs. Kenneth Johnston, recorder for the women's board, gave the Women's day address at McMinnville; Mrs. Ross J. Griffeth, instructor of Missions at Northwest Chritian college, spoke in the Dallas church; Mrs. Carroll Roberts, secretary of District number 5, shared with the First Church Salem and at Grants Pass, and Harrisburg; Mrs. Edna L. Burke, Executive Secretary of the women's board, went to La Grande, Albany and Tillamook. In the case of Mrs. Roberts and Mrs. Burke, a shift in dates was necessary since there is only one first Sunday in December, the traditional date for Women's Day.

A Sunday Prayer

Almighty God, as I sit here this lovely Sunday morning, surrounded by the Sunday papers and half-listening to one of the big preachers over the radio, it has just come to me that I have lied to Thee and to myself. I said I did not feel well enough to go to church. That was not true. I was not ambitious enough! I would have gone to my office had it been Monday. I would have played golf had it been Wednesday afternoon. I would have attended my luncheon club had it met this noon. I would have been able to go to a picture show if it had been Friday night. But it was Sunday morning and Sunday illness covers a multitude of sins.

"Sins, God have mercy on me! I have lied to Thee and to myself. I was not ill . . . I am lazy and indifferent. Amen."

—The Pittsburg Christian

With Students In Eugene

The Eugene Christian Student House program has been lifting up spiritual features of several types during recent weeks. The visitation of University students who expressed a preference for the Christian Church has been carried on throughout the month. Twenty teams of two students each have done the calling under the chairmanship of Gene Johnson, in conjunction with a like calling program at First Christian Church under the leadership of Mr. E. M. Eldridge. The teams included students both from Northwest Christian College and from the University of Oregon, and the response has been thrilling.

The Thanksgiving to Christmas daily Bible readings published by the American Bible Society are being used by the students, thus giving them a greater sense of Christian fellowship as they read the Bible for inspirational purposes.

The November program emphasized the nationwide Religion in American Life campaign. The Sunday evening discussions centered about "What Do We Believe about the Bible? What Do We Believe about the Church?" The leader of these discussions was the Rev. Paul S. Mellish, whose war experiences as chaplain prove particularly helpful to fellows today as they face possible military service.

The International Tea Hours with foreign students have been most enlightening. Following Hans Buttner and Hans Hock of Austria, we had Maurice Morello of France, Arne During of Sweden, Jakobina Thordardottir of Iceland, our own Hiroya Katayama and two friends from Japan, and Harry Burks of the Quaker group telling us of the American Friends Service camps open to young people.

A Work Party under the leadership of student House chairman, Ray Shields of Turner, brought out eighteen workers who painted, polished, waxed and in general put Christian House in good shape. Our physical needs are still great, including that stove we have been talking about for months. If any group or individual wants a worthy Christian project of service to our youth, we can supply a list of our most urgent needs.

Simultaneous Brotherhood-Wide Prayer Launched

Feeling a deep need for strength beyond our own in seeking the solution to so many great problems, and believing that Christ has all the answers, the men attending the workshop at the men's session of the International Convention in Oklahoma City, without a dissenting vote, approved the following resolution:

"Just as our bodies need daily food, so do our souls need spiritual food daily. We know that wisdom and power to solve our problems will be given to us, if we ask God — BELIEVING.

"Therefore we ask every layman, in company with his Christian brothers around the world, to commune with God in prayer daily, beginning at 10:55 A.M. (Central Time) 11:55 A.M. (Eastern Time) 9:55 A.M. (Mountain Time) and 8:55 A.M. (Pacific Time) for a five minute prayer."

If the hours are observed, all of our men across the nation will be praying in unison.

Lebanon Host for 102

Attendance at the South Willamette district rally held at Lebanon on November 27, was 102. Kenneth Knox, minister of the Roseburg church, was the guest speaker. Lynnton Elwell, host pastor, led the singing and Ed Drapela sang a solo. Special music from the church library of recorded music was also featured.

The Lebanon men are going all out to entertain the 1951 state Ninety and Nine convention with the full backing of the South Willamette district. It will be remembered that they were prepared to invite the 1950 convention but yielded to the Roseburg invitation. State president Blehm challenged them to make plans for an attendance of 1000 men. A good time to start planning for that convention attendance in your local group is NOW. — E.P.D.

Builders for Congo

For a long time, there has been an urgent need for a builder in the Congo Mission field, one who could supervise and help in the construction of new buildings and the upkeep of the others. The Board of Trustees of the United Christian Missionary Society has appointed Mr. Edgar Dade in this special capacity to serve as a lay missionary for a term of three years. Mr. and Mrs. Dade and their two small children sailed for the Congo in November.

Mr. Dade is a builder and holds a certificate in basic electricity. Besides his work in the church, he has been active in a credit union, a consumer's cooperative, and other civic organizations. Mrs. Dade will be a real help too since she majored in Home Economics while a student in Hiram college. She has had much experience in poultry raising and gardening.

In Congo they will be stationed in Bolenge- Coquilhatville-Congo Christian Institute area. Their service in construction and agriculture will relieve those missionaries who are engaged in evangelism, educational and medical work, who at the same time have been carrying on these added responsibilities. One needs to bear in mind that in the tropics, the climate is such that repairs and construction are constantly necessary to keep the buildings in useable condition.—E.L.B.

Korean Evangelist Abducted

J. J. Hill, who, with his wife and children had served along with the John T. Chases in the Seoul Area of Korea, but who had moved to Japan before Seoul was engulfed in the war, has returned to Seoul; leaving his family in Japan. On November 8th, he wrote to John T. Chase as follows:

"Dear Brother Chase:

"I am living in our old 'Miller' house, now without lights, water, heat or windows, however we will do alright as we will have improvements gradually. About half the house is useable—the roof on the south, back, and end was blown in, and most of the attic and second floor were demolished. . . Wish you were here. There is so much work to be done that it overwhelms me. Repairing the house will cost probably $3,000 to $5,000. I will put in windows and a little plaster on the walls of the best rooms, which will suffice until the war is over.

"Brother S. H. Choi, I think, was likely slain by the Reds. They took him north as a prisoner along with many other preachers. Of ours, only Choi and Ki, Yank Seun were taken. . . . . Most of our old standbys are turning up one by one. We have eight evangelists in Seoul already. —J. J. Hill."

Brother Hill's remark that the house in which he resides "will suffice until the war is over", with only a little repair (leaving much of it in very bad condition), takes on tremendous significance, in the light of the tragic turn of the war at the present time.

According to John T. Chase, estimates that 75% of the city of Seoul was destroyed before the war moved on north. Pray it doesn't return there!

Brother Chase writes: "We are making efforts to find ways of sending food and clothing to our Korean brethren. Announcement will be made as quickly as possible. The Need Is Great." —J. Frank Cunningham.

Northwestern Christian Home

MARY E. PHILLIPS, Supt. RAY C. SMITH, Area Rep.

Another one of our family group has passed on. Mrs. Annie E. Abel came to the Home from Roseburg March 5, 1948. While she had been in failing health for some time, her death came suddenly and without a struggle while she was visiting with another member of the Home. This makes a total of five deaths since July 31st, following a period of 13 months without a loss.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Seiler became residents of the Home November 4th, coming from Puyallup, Washington. They brought with them some of their choicest furniture and two gold fish and all are happily settled in the Salem Room.

The next new guests to take up residence in the Home are Mr. and Mrs. Burnis Hoffman of Tillamook, who will, no doubt be located before these lines are printed. Mrs. Lydia Reynolds of the Mallory Avenue Church is next in line for admission. Several new applications have been received and will be considered at the next Board meeting.

Some of our ladies were guests of the women of the church at Hillsboro recently and they took some of their fancy work along, which they sold readily. Pastor Newell Morgan furnished transportation in his station wagon.

Sunday morning services recently have been conducted by the following: a group from Portland Central; Newell Morgan, Hillsboro; A. F. Van Slyke, Portland; Vern Kullowatz, Park Rose, Howard Hutchins, Oregon City. Dr. Walter L. Myers of the California Christian Home in San Gabriel, visited the home recently for breakfast and a chapel service. He enjoyed seeing old friends and noted the improvements that have taken place on the grounds, and the family appreciated his talk on the activities of the California Home, where he is Business Manager.

Dr. Myers spent several days in Eugene as a special speaker on the work of Christian Benevolence. A complimentary dinner was given the student preachers and their wives by the Home and some 60 preachers and preachers wives learned just how large a field of service is presented through benevolence.

Several fine material donations have come to the Home including a case of eggs from the Creekpaums of Hillsboro; 12 sacks of potatoes from Madras; 60 pounds of honey from Bro. Harsh of Prosser, Washington; a trailer load of fruit and vegetables from the church at Florence; 16 pounds of rabbits from the Fairchilds of Forest Grove; large collections of canned goods and fresh fruit and vegetables from Willamina, Vernonia and other places and individuals which lack of space will not permit us to mention by name.

Your other Family is grateful for these good things. Churches should bear in mind that the bulk of our financial support comes through the "CHRISTMAS OFFERING FOR BENEVOLENCE." Plans for the enlargement of our building are still under study, but there is some fear that the war situation will make it difficult to obtain concrete and steel, out of which the addition will be built.

Men Cook At Tillamook

The above caption was not written just for its poetic balance—they did cook a fine turkey dinner on November 10 as a result of losing an attendance contest to the local ladies. Bill Morse offered thanks for the food and proper justice was done to it. A. J. Swett served as program chairman and presented Lee Doty as song leader. George Wright sang "A Perfect Day" for the special number. Coast District Ninety and Nine officers were elected in absentia as follows: President, Dorsey Dent of Astoria (and Warrenton and Seaside); Vice-Pres., Ivan Jensen of Astoria; Sec'y-Treas., Jack Grocott of Astoria.

Reports on the state Ninety and Nine Convention and on the International Convention were made by Ed Dewees and Aldis Webb, respectively. —E.P.D.

New Central District Officers

The Central Oregon Ninety and Nine men held a short business meeting at the 5th Sunday assembly of the churches at Sisters on October 29. Myron Miles called the meeting to order and D. L. Penhollow led in prayer. An election followed in which Clifford Dobbins of Sisters was elected president, Wm. B. Shelley of Bend, vice-president, Ray Naff of Powell Butte, secretary, Charles Entrikin of Bend, treasurer; D. L. Penhollow of Powell Butte, pastor-adviser. Milton Bower of Burns conducted the installation of the new officers with prayer by T. M. White, state vice-president for the Central Area. The pledge system for state finance was presented and approved and $68.00 received in pledges and offerings. —E.P.D.

OREGON CALENDAR

1951

January 2 — Winter Term begins at N. C. C.
January 21 — Christian Higher Education Day; Baptist-Disciple Pulpit Exchange.
January 28-February 4 — Youth Week
January 31-February 1 — Oregon Christian Women's Fellowship, Portland Y.W.C.A.
February 4-9 — Mark Rutherford in Oregon under auspices of N.C.C. for Stewardship and evangelism emphasis:
Pendleton-Feb. 4; Bend-Feb. 5; Portland, Mallory Ave.-Feb. 6; Dallas-Feb. 7; Eugene First-Feb. 8; Grants Pass-Feb. 9
February 9 — World Day of Prayer. (Intercommunion-Community Observance)
February 11 — Race Relations Sunday
February 18-25 — Week of Compassion — Crusade Climax
February 25 — Close of A Crusade for a Christian World
March 4 — Foreign Missions Day
March 21 — Winter Term Ends at N.C.C.
March 18-25 — Week of Evangelism and Worship — Easter Season.
March 25 — Easter
March 26 — Spring Term begins at N.C.C.
April 3-5 — Oregon Preachers Parliament, Eugene
April 8-15 — Lane County and N.C.C. visitation Evangelism
April 16-May 16 — Oregon District Conventions within this period
April 29 — Rural Life Sunday
May 5 — Fellowship Day for Women (Intercommunion)
May 13 — Pentecost
June 3 — Children's Day; N.C.C. Baccalaureate
June 4 — N.C.C. Sacred Music Concert, Eugene
June 5 — N.C.C. Commencement
June 17 — Achievement Day — Oregon Christian Missionary Society (Local Church Emphasis)
June 25-July 1 — Oregon Christian Missionary Convention, Turner
July 8-14 — State Religious Education Laboratory School, Salem

Typhoon Causes Damage In Okinawa

Word comes from Harlan and Emeline Woodruff that a storm with winds averaging 75 miles an hour, and with gusts up to 120 miles an hour struck Okinawa on November 11th. Though the mission property suffered little damage, there was much damage over the island — to property and crops, especially the latter. Rice was blown flat. Salt spray blown over the island killed sweet potato vines and damaged banana, papaya, tangerine trees and other vegetation.

Harlan was in bed for two weeks with chills and fever ("not malaria"), but was regaining strength. Pastor Nishihira was seriously ill, but was mending. Speaking of the prevalence of colds and T. B. Cases reported, the woodruffs write: "How we wish we could give needed nourishing food and medicine to all in need. Please replenish our supply of aspirin, Vick's menthol salve, throat lozenges (bottle or metal containers) and vitamins B and C."

Since the arrival of Huckinses, the work has been expanded, with new classes opened in several villages. —J.F.C.

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